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part of this Government in the matter of these roads. Will the Government see that these things are done more expeditiously at least hereafter when the whole grant is made by the Central Government?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I cannot admit that there has been any slackness on the part of the Madras Government in this matter and for further information, I would request the hon. Member to put a separate question to my Colleague the Minister in charge of Public Works."

Licences issued under the Drugs Control Order

* 2052 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many licences for sale of tinctures have been issued under the Drugs Control Order in the Malabar district;

(*b*) the conditions laid down by Government for the issue of a licence to a person;

(*c*) how many years' standing as Chemist is insisted upon before the issue of the licence to a dealer under the Drugs Control Order;

(*d*) whether any representations have been received by the Government about any lacunae in the existing forms of licences for sale of tinctures; and

(*e*) if so, whether any modifications have been effected or are contemplated in regard to the conditions of licences?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) *to* (*e*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

Number of pattas held by a single person

* 2053 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the maximum number of 'pattas' held by a single person in the Malabar district; and

(*b*) the total assessment under them?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The maximum number of 'pattas' held by a single person in the Malabar district is 966 and the total assessment under them is Rs. 21,180–4–0."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, whenever an agrarian question relating to Malabar is taken up, it is always represented that there are more than 4 lakhs of pattas in Malabar to show

(*a*) Printed as Appendix II on pages 929–930 infra.

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that there are small landholders there. From the answer given by the Minister, it is seen that a single individual has more than 900 pattas in his name. Will the Government give instructions to see that the number of pattas held by each individual may be classified so that we can have a real picture of the landholding system in Malabar?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" The hon. Member wanted certain information and I have furnished that information. If he wants to make any further suggestions, he can make them during debates."

Electricity produced at the Mettur Power station

* 2054 *Q.*—SRI A. IYANAR (on behalf of Sri M. Jaganathan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the volume of electrical energy produced at Mettur Electric Power station every year;

(*b*) the cost incurred for the same;

(*c*) the quantity supplied to the public every year; and

(*d*) the revenue collected thereby?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) *to* (*d*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the paper [a] placed on the table of the House."

(Starred question Nos. 2055 and 2056 taken up together.)

Provision of house-sites for Harijans

* 2055 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the steps taken so far to provide house-sites for the Harijans; and

(*b*) the name of the department that deals with this question?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) House-sites are provided to Harijans either by assignment of Government land or by acquisition of private lands. The total number of house-sites provided to them since the commencement of operations up to the end of 1953–54 is 41,641.

" (*b*) The Harijan Welfare department through the agency of Revenue department in the districts."

(*a*) Printed as Appendix III on page 931 infra.